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1. GENERAL BACKGROUND AND GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN CONVEYED
ORALLY TO US REPRESENTATIVES TO MEETINGS OF SPECIAL
GROUPS ON LONG-RANGE TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION (TBAP)
AND LOW AND NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY AND RE-UTILIZATION AND
RECYCLING OF WASTES (LWT). DR. WILLIAM WILSON (EPA) IS
U.S. REP TO TBAP SPECIAL GROUP AND PROFESSOR THOMAS
V. LONG (UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO) IS U.S. REP TO LWT SPECIAL

GROUP.

2. BOTH WILSON AND LONG WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT BEFOREHAND WITH APPROPRIATE MISSION OFFICERS ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. WILSON WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET AT MISSION ABOUT 1300 HOURS JULY 3 AND LONG WILL CONTACT MISSION MORNING OF JULY 5. WE HAVE INFORMED U.S. REPS THAT THEY CAN EXPECT TO BE ACCOMPANIED AT EACH OF THE MEETINGS BY A MISSION OFFICER TO PROVIDE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE ON NON-TECHNICAL ISSUES.

3. RE TBAP SPECIAL GROUP, WE WISH ESPECIALLY TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE LIKELY TO LEAD TO FRUITFUL OUTCOME AT HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT (HLM). ACCORDINGLY, U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD SUPPORT TERMS OF REFERENCE MOST LIKELY TO PRODUCE ADEQUATE PREPARATIONS WITHIN BRIEF TIME-SPAN AVAILABLE. THIS MIGHT NOT PERMIT FULL SCALE COST/BENEFIT STUDY OF DAMAGES FROM AIR POLLUTION AND COST OF REDUCING DISCHARGES. U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD STRESS, AS APPROPRIATE, THAT SUCCESS OF TBAP COOPERATION WILL DEPEND ON COMPLETENESS OF DATA INPUTS BY ALL COUNTRIES IN ECE REGION. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER DRAFT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON TBAP AS ONE POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF HLM.

4. RE LWT SPECIAL GROUP , WE WOULD WISH TO REVIEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAREFULLY TERMS OF REFERENCE TO BE SUBMITTED BY USSR AND ITS PARTNERS. THESE WOULD NEED TO BE SUFFICIENTLY SPECIFIC THAT THEIR IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION AT HLM. FROM OUTSET WE HAVE HAD RESERVATIONS CONCERNING WHAT MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED AT HLM ON LWT, E.G., HIGH-LEVEL BLESSING TO LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS. THESE WOULD PRESUMABLY BE AIMED AT GIVING EAST GREATER ACCESS TO WESTERN TECHNOLOGY. OUR CONCERN IS THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF MUTUALITY OF BENEFIT BE MAINTAINED AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF LWT EXERCISE.

5. HAVING CAREFULLY NURTURED HLM CONCEPT FOR PAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS, ECE SHOULD PROCEED IN BUSINESS-LIKE WAY TO DEVELOP TERMS OF REFERENCE ON TBAP AND LWT WORTHY OF HIGH-LEVEL CONSIDERATION. PREPARATORY PROCESS, IN OUR VIEW, SHOULD AIM AT DEVELOPING TECHNICAL UNDERPINNING FOR MEANINGFUL AND SIGNIFICANT HIGH-LEVEL DECISIONS. THAT WILL BE TALL ORDER FOR SPECIAL GROUPS OVER NEXT EIGHT MONTHS, BUT WILL BE CRUCIAL FOR ECE 34TH SESSION TO TAKE CONSIDERED DECISION ON HLM NEXT APRIL.

6. IN VIEW OF FRG EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN U.S.

POSITIONS ON TBAP AND LWT, AND ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF
REFTEL, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT MISSION WILL ASSIST U.S.
REPS IN MAINTAINING CLOSE AND CORDIAL CONTACTS WITH
THEIR FRG AND OTHER EC-9 COUNTERPARTS. PLEASE INFORM
FRG MISSION WE GREATLY APPRECIATE OFFER IN REFTEL TO
CONSULT WITH COMMUNITY EXPERTS BEFORE JULY 3 EC-9
MEETING. HOWEVER, PRELIMINARY VIEWS WE EXPRESSED ON
TBAP ARE BEING REVIEWED BY US AGENCIES AND WE ARE NOT IN
POSITION TO PRESENT THEM AT THIS TIME. VANCE

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